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In re the application of
Aita et al.For: **SELF-REPAIRING CERAMIC
COATING**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

For further consideration pursuant to the concurrently filed Request For Continued Examination, please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows: